

REMARKS

Claims 1-109 are pending.

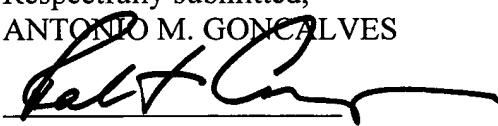
A Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment was mailed on July 9, 2004 in reply to a Response filed on June 16, 2004. The July 9th Notice indicated that claims identified as "Previously Amended" should be changed to "Previously Presented" and that claims identified as "Amended" should be changed to "Currently Amended" in accordance with the new rules. A further Notice of Non-Complaint Amendment was mailed on July 13, 2004 in reply to a Supplemental Response that was filed on June 24, 2004. The July 13th Notice required the same corrections.

The above listing of the claims includes the changes to the claim identifiers that was requested in the two notices. The claim listing is now in compliance.

If the Examiner believes that direct communication with Applicant's representative will facilitate examination of this application, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney.

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